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Amendment of the Court Fees Act.

*522 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken or propose to take to reduce or modify the Court Fees Act, after the undertaking given in this behalf by the hon. the Law Member during his budget speech on 16th March 1927?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 386.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"May I just ask when this Government expects to get the decision of the Government of India on the matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I cannot say when the Government of India will reply."

Appointment of District Munsifs.

*523 Q.—Mr. J. A. DAVIS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many of each of the following communities—Brahmans, Non-Brahmans, Hindus, Muhammadans, Indian Christians and Anglo-Indians—hold appointments in the Judicial Service of this Presidency in each of the grades of District Judge, Subordinate Judge and District Munsif;

(b) how many among the candidates selected last year by the Madras High Court for the post of District Munsif belonged to each of those communities; and

(c) how many of the applications received last year by the High Court for District Munsifs' appointments were from qualified Anglo-Indians?

A.—(a)—

—	Figures as they stood on 18th July 1927.				
	Brahmans.	Non-Brahmans.	Muham-madans.	Indian Christians.	Anglo-Indians.
District Judges—					
Permanent	2	3	2	1	..
Acting	..	..	1	..	..
Sub-Judges—					
Permanent	29	5	..	..	2 vacant.
Acting Sub-Judges whose lien on their permanent appointments as District Munsifs has been suspended.	5	2	1	.	..
District Munsifs—					
Permanent	111	35	5	3	..
Acting	31	21	3	2	1

(b)—

12	9	2	1	1

(c) Four out of 265 applications.